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[West Lake Rept03142013.pdf](#)

Hello EPA Region 7,

Attached is a report the Missouri Coalition for the Environment would like to submit regarding the West Lake Landfill. My question from the previous email remains. How do we ensure the National Remedy and Review Board gets access to this report to enhance the understanding of the site for the decision making process?

Thanks,  
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Hello EPA Region 7,

I have a few questions and Ms. Kring's voice mail box is full, plus I don't think she is the appropriate person to address all of my questions.

First, who is the proper person at EPA to send comments regarding the groundwater report and general concerns regarding the characterization of the West Lake Landfill? How do I ensure that these comments are incorporated into the NRRB understanding of the site and its assessment of how best to remediate West Lake Landfill? Is the NRRB taking into consideration the "subsurface smoldering event" located 1,200 feet away from the radioactive materials?

Second, MCE sent a letter to EPA dated January 13, 2013, regarding the formation of a CAG and a request for both a Technical Assistance Needs Assessment and Technical Assistance Grant. Am I correct that in order for a TANA or TAG to be administered, a CAG must be formed? Is the EPA and MO DNR willing to assist a CAG get started for the West Lake Landfill as described below?

Regarding CAGs from the EPA website

(<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/cag/resource/quickeng.htm>):

- EPA may assist communities in determining the need for a CAG by helping them evaluate the level of community interest in and concern about site activities and examine if there is an existing broad-based group that might function as a CAG, or if there are too many competing interests to make forming a truly representative CAG a realistic option.
- A CAG information meeting can be used to introduce the CAG concept to the community. In advance of this meeting, EPA, in conjunction with appropriate State, Tribal, or local governments, should inform and educate the community about the purposes of a CAG and the opportunities for participating in it. This is especially important at sites where there has been relatively limited community participation in the Superfund process.

Because every site is different, techniques appropriate for educating the public about CAGs are likely to vary from site to site. No matter what methods are used, the information provided must be clear and understandable to the community. In many cases, news releases, fact sheets, and public notices in the local news media may be useful for disseminating information about CAGs. Other outreach options—such as flyers, announcements in churches, and personal contacts with community groups or individual citizens—also may be used.

I understand life has been rough with the snow storms in Kansas City and this could cause for some headaches for getting to work contributing to a delayed response. Ms. Kring told me earlier in the week that a letter would be sent this week regarding the CAG. Sorry if some of the above questions are answered in the letter. The landfill "smoldering event" issue is raising lots of concerns and we are trying to address those concerns in our community to the best of our ability, which prompted this email.

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